

PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY, INC..
P.O. BOX 756
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07101

December 10, 1980

Dear Colleague:

On November 21, 1980, at our Association's first general meeting we were pleased that so many of you accepted the invitation to serve our community. Our gathering was not simply an opportunity to make new acquaintances and renew old law school friendships, but more importantly it firmly established the viability and need for, the organization we propose to build. Accordingly, our keynote speaker and board-member, Joseph H. Rodriguez, addressed those present on the significance the Association held for the advancement of the hispanic community. He recognized the challenge presented to us as Association members and he also noted that our creativity and commitment would be the yard-stick for measuring our success. The overwhelming majority of those in attendance readily accepted this challenge and expressed their commitment to the Association's goals by completing membership applications and promptly paying their annual dues.*

We wish to invite those of you who have not yet completed an application form to fill out the form enclosed with this letter. We are also requesting your cooperation in completing the enclosed questionnaire which represents your direct participation in the formation of our agenda for 1981. We are especially interested in your response to question number five. We would appreciate your forwarding the completed forms to us, at the above address, no later than January 10. This will allow us sufficient time to establish some priority among the topics to be discussed at our first business meeting planned for January 30. We will notify you in the near future of the exact time and place of this meeting..

We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaire and application form, if applicable. If you know of a hispanic attorney, law graduate, or student who has not received this notice, please invite that person to the meeting. On behalf of the Board, I wish to extend our warmest wishes for your full enjoyment of the approaching holiday season, and our thanks for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,
M. Echevarria
Margarita Echevarria,
President

* Re: Dues- We are awaiting a decision on our application for tax-exempt status with the I.R.S.

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Questionnaire

1. a) Name _____

b) Mailing Address and Phone, _____

c) Law Firm, Employer, or School _____

2. In your opinion, what do you consider the two most important educational issues confronting the hispanic community in New Jersey? Please list.

3. Do you have any opinion on how the Puerto Rican Bar Association can aid the economic development of the hispanic community in New Jersey? Please limit your response to two or three priority projects.

4. Are there any issues relating to the administration of justice in the county in which you practice which you feel the Puerto Rican Bar Association should become involved in? Identify the county.

5. It has been suggested that the title of this organization be changed to Hispanic Bar Association. What is your opinion on this matter?

6. In your opinion, what do you consider the most important political issues confronting the hispanic community in New Jersey? Please list.

7. Of the above listed concerns, please list in terms of priority, the issues the Puerto Rican Bar Association should begin to address in 1981.

8. Of the following committees, which would you be interested in joining?
(Please check boxes)

Education

Activities

Membership

Publications

Scholarship Fund

Lawyer Referral

Grievance and Complaints

Other, Specify

9. Additional Comments:

You may use the back of the questionnaire for your answers.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Law firm, Employer, or School: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Year of Bar Admission _____ State _____

I wish to apply for membership as an:

Active Member (\$30.00)

Associate Member (\$20.00)

Enclosed is my fee of \$ _____

(signature)

Return with your check or money order to:

Puerto Rican Bar Association of New Jersey, Inc.

Newark, New Jersey 07104